Syrken Same Custome. In Syria the manes of children are my odd. They suggest these of our prime, incomuch so the child's name is agt to be something which occurred sich interested the parents. For in-uses, if you were a civil of this country your name is all probability would be "Mindfed Cabbage," or "Ho-tel," or "Chril War," or nomething skin to these. If a child falls sick his mone inumediately changed. Instead of a parents thinking that a place of a or too much pudding disagrand th him they attribute his sickness to i fact that his name did not agree in him. When one understands at these names are one does not peer that the child may have fallen

The Bomea Bride Cake.

Bride cake is a retic of the Roman Confarrantes, a mode of merriage practiced by the highest clear in Rome. In Confarrantion the bride was led to the aiter by backstors, but conducted home by married men, and the ceremony took place in the presence of ten witnesses by the Pontifer Maximus, whereapon the contracting parties mutually partock of a cake made of salt, water and flour, Only those who were here is such wedlock were eligible for sector end hous. Only those who were the high secred offices. But the cus-tion of breaking a cake over the bride's head when she enters her hus-band's house is borrowed from the Greeks, who as an emblem of future

Poskets in Their Checks. hipmonks, squirrels and ground irrels take food in their mouths and squirrels take food in their mouths and with their tongues push it out between the teeth into an elastic pouch (connecting with the mouth), thus extending the cheeks. The pocket gophers have peckets outside the mouth slong the front of the cheeks. These pockets extend back under the skin to the shoulders and are filed and emptied by the aid of the fore feet and claws. They are often stuffed so full of pieces of roots, stems and leaves as to give a very fudicrous appearance to the little animal. Roots and stems are cut into places about an inch long and packed lengthwise. Leaves are folded or rolled to fill the smallest space.—St. Nicholas. fill the smallest space.—St. Nicholas

Whiteler's Good Wishee,
A young woman once sat at a boarding house table beside a reserved and
awkward country boy whom she delighted to teese. When she left she
asked him to write in her autograph
asbum. The poem which John G.
Whiteler wrote there stands as a warning to other young ladies that she who
taughs first at a seemingly dumb countrymen may be hereif laughed at
many years later. The quaint concindleg stance is:

in consideration of the very impor-tant fact that three-fourths of the prin-ripal constituents of the body is water and that it is far more essential than food, how little heed is paid to the mat-ter of its consumption and purity by the average person. One to two quarts of pure, choi water should be consum-ed daily by every one. "Bight full glasses of water daily should be taken throughout the day between mails," was the advice given by a noted phy-sician in a lecture on dietetics.

Tombetone Advice.
On the tombstone of Richard Cutter and wife, who were buried in Hudson, N. H., in 1790 and 1788, is the following advice:

Watch ye that live, for ye don't know How hear ye are to death Or what may give the fatal blow To step your fasting breath.

Editing Under Difficulties.
Little Sister-Most of the articles in your paper this month is awful poor.
Little Brother (editor Amateur Monthly)—I know it, but the boys that wrote m sent stamps for their return, and I reded the stamps.

Sushel of Children Willie-I've been married five years and got a bushel of children. James-How's that? Willie-My name is Pock. I've got four children. Don't four pecks make a bushel? New York

A Daubtful Compliment.

Afaud-What was it he said about me? May-He merely remarked that a waman is as old as she looks. Maud-The idea! Hew old does he think I

A playing of the State.

From titles are fold which are fines
then then of the encounter in earther
fours with the old Escendottle Musical
The king had referred to the Norwe gians as "my Polen," at which Sie Bul deswing immedi my, inquired, "When this the king turned to him with a hisperious "I commented you to stry! the elations stirrugged his short The faction woman, included from dera and reguled, "Then I will see, sire ther a Morangian penunius free in se Ole Buill would sell when re face of the approach the asset winning commensure, and, putting out the head inputies very man, printing a fact for insulatively. Secretarizette excitationed:

"Easy, I key you so remarks. A printer about linear the options of all its propile." And the talk which then resulted was the basis of deep conditions on both sides.—Century.

> steinseien, the German Frodigy. (Striction Menory Melanesken, the su-wonderful of all the world's presents provinging, was torn at Luberk, Ger-many, in the year 1721. When but also wonder could pronounce every word contained in the German language, and before he had rounded out his first year of earthly existence he knew all the of aurity events of the world's history. At the age of footbeen months he could give chapter and verse of any quoted passage of the Scriptures and know the history of every book in both the Old and New Testaments. At the age of two and a half years he could an of two gad a half years he could an ewer every question in the geographies and histories them in use and could con-verse with visitors in either German. French, Dutch, Latin or Grock. His fourth year was devoted to the study of religion and ancient history. He had included the studies mentioned and had started on a course in oriental religion when he suddenly died before complet-tor his fourth year. ing his fourth year.

Three Boys and a Clock. Three boys in a house were told to go and take the exact time by a clock in the town. The first lad went, look-ed at the clock, came back and cald, "It is 12 o'clock." In after 21s be

"It is 12 o'clock." In after life he became a prosate bookseller.
The second boy was more exact. He said on returning that it was three minutes past 12. He became a doctor.
The third had looked at the clock. One third lad looked at the clock, found out how long it had taken him to walk back to the house, returned to the clock, then added the time of his walk to the time of the clock and reported the result thus: "It is at this moment 12 hours, 10 minutes and 15 seconds." That boy came to distinction as Helmholtz, the scientist.

A Divided Church.

There is a very striking instance of religious toleration in Heidelberg, an ancient city of Germany. One of the most important buildings of that town is the Church of the Holy Ghost. Through the middle of this building a partition wall has been run, so that services according to the Roman Cathelic and the Protestant ritual may be held at the same time. In the year held at the same time. In the year 1719 an attempt was made by Charles Philip the Elector to deprive the Prot-estants of their half of the church, but the termination the tewnspeople made so strong a re-sistance that he was obliged to desist and even to remeve the electoral court from Heldelberg to Mannheim.—London Matt.

There is a queer twist of language in the phrase "to eat humble pie." The word "bumble" is a corrupted form of the eriginal "numble," which is an inthe eriginal "numble," which is an inedible part of the carcass of a deer and
would make very poor pie. The words
"humble pie" have the same original
meaning as "te eat crew," a phrase
common in political life. There is an
enforced humility in this process, and
the change from "numble" to "humble"
introduced a thought which harmonized with the idea sought to be expressed. The last form of the phrase
has entirely supplanted the original. ias entirely supplanted the original

One of the candidates at an election in Derbyshire, England, was a new-comer not remarkable for his generouity. He found himself defeated at the polls and bade adieu to the electors with the words, "At any rate, ladies and gentlemen, my wife and I have spent a very happy fortnight in the peak." "Yes," came a sudden retort from the crowd, "and that's all you have spent."

"Ah, my love," sighed the ardent lover, "if you only knew how beautiful you are!"

"You mustn't speak of it," protested ne modest girl. "I don't want to the modest girl.

"Why not?" "Because," she said, "it would make me too conceited."—Philadelphia Press.

A Better Motte.
"My motto," said the new lodger, "is

'Pay as you go.'"
The landlady shook her head. "It wouldn't do in my business," she said. "A man might remain a month and then forget his motto when he went. My motto is, 'Pay Saturday night or

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"Yes, and after she refused me she waved her hand in farewell." "Sort of a cold wave, wasn't it?"

A characteristic story is told of from Switt, who after a surface of expension entertainments in London invited six expecting the usual exectly surfait of good titings. They found the table hid with a given of imend, a hostile of what, nd ench chair. They took their places.

we fell to see the june." Swift littled his piete. Codersesti eafer and a holf enough. He turned to the whiter at his side and gave him the money. "Mere," he end, "lating me the worth of that in gome and potatoes."

The guests each sent the money un-der his pinte for whatever dish he

Swift then hald upon the table \$200 and, defecting the three crowns which and been spend, said: "The remainderthe erands and fragments-is to go to the poor. We all have had enou money to settledy hunger. You shall advise are how the rest is to be spend."

"The Rope of Ocnor" is the meme of a featous picture painted by Polygno tus, a Greek artist, who died about 426 B. C. He was the first who gave life. character and expression to pictures According to Pliny, he opened the mouth and showed the teeth of his figures and was the first to paint we with transparent draperies and rich headdresses. The picture represents Ocnus as a poor man, weaving a rope of straw, while behind him stands an ass consuming the other rend of the rope. The allest lesson thus conveyed is said to have had a wholesome effect opon the wife of Ocaus, whose ex-travagance had been his rule, so that she became fragal and thrifty and beload him to rise from penery to great prosperity. The phrase "like the rope of Ocnus" signifies profitless is-bor.

Sweet Potato Coffee. If coffee is suspected of being harmful to the nerves it is the part of wisdom not to drink it. Most substitutes are unspeakable concections. During the war sweet potato coffee was brought to a rare perfection and is said to be a very palatable beverage. Good flousekeeping furnishes an old war recipe: Pare the potatoes, cut them in small dice and let dry for a day or two. Parch like coffee, grind and put away in a cool, dark place. Mixed with onethird real coffee, the potato coffee was much liked, and even when used alone it was said to be very good. The weak nerved taight try this substitute with the certainty that they are getting a drink that is at least unobjectionable.

A Trick of Sex.

A man seated closes his knees to eatch an object thrown on his lap. A This is a fact that Mark Twain used in "Huckleberry Finn." Huck is disguised as a girl, and a woman throws an object into his lap. Though he wears a skirt, he hasn't sense enough to spread his knees apart so as to catch the object better—he claps them together, as a trousered man would do. An English novelist in a book called "The White Rose" uses the same idea. Pierre de Coldirodi, the Italian romancer, uses it in his well known "Maidens and Love." The Frenchman Henri Paul uses it in his "Widows"

Making it Pleasant.
"That's what I call a good dinner,"
remarked Bobby as he leaned back in
his chair with an air of repletion.
"Bobby," said his mother, "I'm
ashamed of your saying such a thing."
The visitor who was dining with the
family laughed heartily. "Hobby appreciates the good things of life," he
said, "like all the rest of us."
"Don't you think it was a good dinner'" Bobby asked the visitor.
"Yes, indeed," the latter replied, with
a smile. "I enjoyed it thoroughly."

a smile. "I enjoyed it thoroughly."
"Mother said she thought you would.
because she didn't suppose you get
very, much at home."

Starfishes commit suicide. When one is caught in a net it dissolves its corporation into a dozen or so of frag ments, and the pieces escape through the meshes. In time each becomes a perfect animal. To preserve the star-fish whole it must be plunged into a bucket of fresh water before it has time to take the alarm. Fresh water is instant death to it, and thus only can some varieties of the starfish be

A prison visitor recently asked one of the prisoners how he came to be

'Want," was the answer. "How was that, pray?" "Well, I wanted another man's watch. He wasn't willing I should

have it, and the judge wants me to stay here five years."

"Rather hard to lose your daughter, eh?" said the guest at the wedding. "No," replied the bride's father. "It "No," replied the bride's father. "I'dld look as if it were going to be hard at one time, but she finally landed this fellow just as we were giving up all hope."—Philiadelphia Ledger.

The P. S. "Why does a woman always add a postscript to her letter?"

"Well," answered the ungallant wretch, "she probably figures out in her own mind what her letter has made you say and then tries to have the last word."—Washington Star.

Every base occupation makes one sharp in its practice and dull in every other.—Sidney. knott pacultarly well fastioned by as of the Resolutionary period which p deed years that the insertations ar on the stones were set in on A striking peculiarity is found in the eyed augain. Almost every one of top with the head of an angel, and poinfully cross sped. This churacteristic has led some guests near the burying ground to call it the "nemetery of cross syed angels."-New York Trib-

Cooking Fish In Clay.

"The natives of the north woods have more appetizing ways to cook fish than any other class of cooks in the world, I believe," said a Tomah

"The universal favorite, however, seems to be the city method. The fish is wrapped in the city without having so much as a scale ruffled by the so much as a scale ruffled by the cleaning knife. He is not dressed, and the only sensoning is a pinch of sait placed in the mouth. When the fish is done up in the city the package is placed in the embers of the exceptive to bake. When it is done the clay is cracked open, and the scales of the fish are found to be sticking in the clay, and the head is then broken off. The delicate flavor of a fish cooked in this way cannot be described. Some of the cooks have a habit of cutting a long gash along each side of the dorsal fin and inserting a silce of fat bacco. This adds greatly to the flavor of the fish."-Milwaukee Sentinel,

A Strange Thunderstorm. It was a strange thunderstorm that struck Suffolk, England, Aug. 4, 1577. According to Holinshed, the tempest of lightning came through the wall of Bilborough church and went a yard into nd, knocking over twenty people and killing two. Then it came up again, mounted the steeple by way of the vestry door, broke the bells and darted off to Bungay, six miles distant. There, according to another chronicler, it became a fiery black dog, which dashed between two people kneeling in church and broke necks and clawed another man on the back so that he was "presently drawn together and shrunk up, as it were, a piece of leather scorched in a hot fire." Claw marks remained on the door to prove the reality of the black dog.

Old Time Advice to Travelers. Edward Leigh's "Hints For Travel-ers" was published at the end of the sixteenth century. Only those who speak Latin should travel, he says, and every one should be well grounded "in the true religion" lest he be perverted abroad. Travelers should know their own country before being allowed to leave it. Before his voyage the traveler "should make his peace with God, receive the Lord's supper, satisfy his creditors if he be in debt, pray earnestly to God to prosper him on his voyage and te keep him from danger, and be should make his last will and wisely order all his affairs, since many that go abroad return not home."

The Word "Lenden."
What is the derivation of the word "London?" The usually accepted one is the Ceitic "Liyn-Din," or lake city, referring to the historical fact that the city was built on a river that overed at full tide and half surrounded it. Other philologists have derived if from "liawn" (full) and "dyn" (man) ethers again from "ion" (a plain) and "dun" (a biil). But the derivation Lun-Dea, or "prove city," seems more probable than most of these. The name occurs in wooded parts of Scandinavia to this day.

The Reigning Princess. Every girl who has married and meved to another town learns in course of time how it feels to be a monarch who is deprived of his kingdom. She is a princess before marriage and has the front room upstairs. She marries, moves away, her sister next in years becomes the reigning monarch, and when the married woman returns home on a visit some years later she finds herself relegated to a back bedroom, she finds with her sister, the princess, on a throne in the front room.—Atchison Globe.

"Mary," said a Kansas City (Kan.) man to his wife recently, "I had a queer dream last night. I dreamed you had a pair of wings St. Peter had just given you and I was trying to fit them on you. Wasn't it queer that your wings didn't fit you?" "Yes," she replied, "but that wasn't the queerest part of it." "What was?" "The fact that you were there," she replied.—Kansas City Times.

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